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SUBJECT: CANADIAN EGGS AND TURKEY QUOTAS

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1. ECON COUNSELOR AND AGATT MET JULY 15 WITH TAYLOR AND HENEY OF ITC TO CONVEY U.S. POSITION ON CANADIAN EGGS AND TURKEY QUOTAS AS OUTLINED REFTEL.

2. TAYLOR SAID GOC WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS U.S. CONCERNS ON JULY 18 IN WASHINGTON. BOTH HE AND HENEY WILL BE MEMBERS OF GOC DEL. TAYLOR SAID GOC DEL WILL NOT BE IN POSITION TO GIVE DEFINITIVE RESPONSE TO U.S. CONCERNS BUT WILL WELCOME DETAILED STATEMENT AND SPECIFIC PROPOSALS (INCLUDING NUMBERS) FROM U.S. AND WILL OFFER TO CONSIDER THESE "EXPEDITIOUSLY" IN OTTAWA

3. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION, TAYLOR AND HENEY EMPHASIZED THAT GOC IS FIRMLY COMMITTED BY LEGISLATION AND POLICY DECISION TO MANAGED EGG AND TURKEY MARKET. THERE CAN BE LEGITIMATE SKEPTICISM WHETHER SYSTEM WILL BE EFFECTIVE BUT GOC IS CONVINCED THAT IT WILL.

GIVEN THIS BACKGROUND, GOC CANNOT ENTERTAIN PROPOSALS DESIGNED
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TO RESTORE OPEN MARKETS BUT IT IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER

ADJUSTMENT WITHIN THE SYSTEM. IN PARTICULAR, GOC IS PREPARED, AS IT HAS EMPHASIZED PREVIOUSLY, TO CONSULT ABOUT U.S. CONCERNS REGARDING CANADIAN EXPORTS. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THEIR OFFER TO DO SO HAD NOT BEEN MENTIONED BY U.S. SIDE. HENEY SAID THAT ABSENCE OF EXPORT CONTROL IS GAP IN OTHERWISE CLOSED SYSTEM AND HE FAVORS CLOSING THAT GAP. IN ABSENCE OF SHORT SUPPLY SITUATION, HOWEVER, GOC CAN ONLY IMPOSE EXPORT CONTROLS ON BASIS OF "INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT." SUCH AGREEMENT COULD BE SIMPLE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH U.S. IF U.S. DESIRES CANADA TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT. TAYLOR AND HENEY LEFT IMPRESSION THAT GOC WOULD WELCOME CONCRETE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR EXPORT CONTROLS. THEY NOTED, INTER ALIA, THAT THIS WOULD COINCIDE WITH CONSUMER INTERESTS IN CANADA WHICH HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF NEW SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

4. EMBOFFS EMPHASIZED STRONG INDUSTRY PRESSURES ON USG TO TAKE RETALIATORY ACTION AND FACT THAT CANADIAN RESPONSE TO OUR CONCERNS WOULD HAVE BEARING ON USG ABILITY TO MANAGE THESE PRESSURES. TAYLOR SAID GOC WAS AWARE OF THESE PRESSURES ON BASIS REPORTS FROM ITS WASHINGTON EMBASSY. HE HOPED THAT MATTER COULD BE HANDLED WITHOUT PUBLIC THREATS OF RETALIATION FROM USG BECAUSE IT WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT FOR GOC TO BE RESPONSIVE IF IT APPEARED TO BE ACTING UNDER DURESS. EMBOFFS SAID THEY UNDERSTOOD THE POINT BUT NOTED THAT PRESSURES ARE GREAT AND, JUST AS TAYLOR AND HENEY HAD ARGUED NEED FOR GOC TO CARRY OUT LEGISLATION ON EGG MARKETING, USG HAS PROVISIONS IN ITS LAWS THAT ADMINISTRATION MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT AND ADMINISTER IN GOOD FAITH.
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